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(Continued from Issue #3)

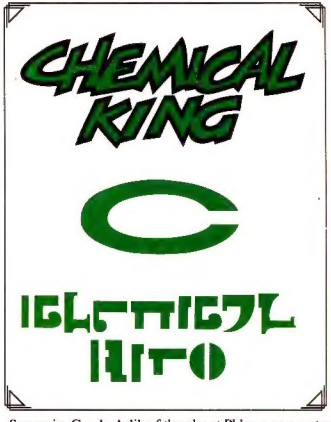
25. **SHADOW LASS** (Tasmia Malor; name also spelled Mallor)
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #365
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2; amended in *Secret Origins* (second series) #8
Planet of origin: Talok VIII
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #366 to present

Synopsis: Talok VIII is a planet inhabited by a race of blue-skinned humans. Tasmia Malor, the daughter of a woman named Tarnia Tolarn, was the descendant of Lydea Malor, who had been the first heroine of her world nearly a thousand years earlier. Tasmia and her younger cousin Grev were also the last survivors of the line of Malor which had led a rebellion against alien conquerors generations before and had gained incredible powers. Tasmia, as the descendant of Sarven Malor who had used this power for the people of Talok VIII, was sent on a quest to find the secret of his power. She met Grev and he led them to a shrine inside a cave where their ancestral memories were unlocked and the genetic potential of the Malor family was released, giving them the power to cast complete darkness over given areas at will. Tasmia and Grev became heroes on their world, taking the names Shadow Lass and Shadow Kid.

Shadow Lass met the Legion of Super-Heroes when the Fatal Five used them and her people to escape from the dimension into which they had been transported following their battle with the Sun-Eater. She was sworn in as a Legionnaire during the Legion's battle with the Five (*Adventure Comics* #365–366).

After harboring a crush on Brainiac 5, which was one factor leading her to join the team, Shadow Lass began a romance with Mon-El, which still continues.

26. **CHEMICAL KING** (Condo Arlik)
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #371
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #3
Planet of origin: Phlon
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #372 to *Superboy* #228



Synopsis: Condo Arlik of the planet Phlon was a mutant, born with the ability to slow down, speed up, and otherwise control chemical reactions. For instance, he could increase the aging rate of the branch of a tree, causing it to rot and fall away in seconds, or lower the metabolism of a person to make him appear dead. After training at the Legion Academy, he assisted on a mission and was awarded full membership in the Legion of Super-Heroes.

Eventually, however, Chemical King came to believe himself the least useful Legionnaire. Governor Deregon of Earth's Australian region, secretly an agent serving the Dark Circle, began assembling an army to break a 200-year peace on Earth. When confronted by the Legion, he threatened to teleport away in a radioactive energy sphere and have it explode, wiping out half the planet and triggering World War VII. Chemical King used his power on the sphere to control the reaction, and caused it to collapse on itself. This effort cost him his life, however, as he had absorbed too much radiation. His fellow Legionnaires captured Deregon

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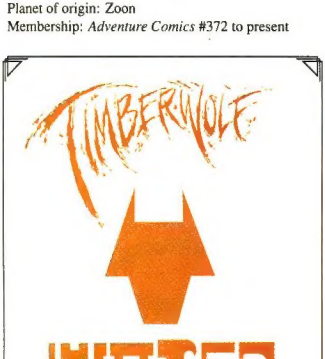
not long afterward, and Chemical King was entombed on Shanghalla, the cemetery satellite for heroes.

27. **TIMBER WOLF** (Brin Londo)
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #327
Origin: *Adventure Comics* #327
Planet of origin: Zoon
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #372 to present



Synopsis: Brin Londo was born on the planet Zoon, the son of Dr. Mar Londo, a scientist who built androids to collect zuunium, an extremely rare mineral, which he believed could give humans super-powers. Only one android, Karth Arn, survived the arduous task of collecting the metal from the planet's vast caverns. With it Dr. Londo created a ray with which he gave Brin super-strength and acrobatic powers. The scientist died soon after. Karth Arn, believing his service to Dr. Londo entitled him and not Brin to such powers, inflicted the latter with amnesia and switched identities with him, causing Brin to think that he was the android. Brin then adopted the name "Lone Wolf" and embarked on a life of wandering isolation through the galaxy, until he encountered the Legion of Super-Heroes, and regained his memory.

He and Light Lass quickly fell in love, and he joined the Legion Academy as Timber Wolf, eventually graduating with Chemical King to full membership.

For several years Brin wore a wolf face in emulation of his namesake, but has again resumed his normal appearance. He and Light Lass eventually developed problems in their relationship, and recently ended their romance. To this day Timber Wolf is somewhat of a loner within the group.

Adventure Comics #348

September 1966

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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THERE! THAT'S THE END OF INVISIBLE KID! AND THE KRYPTONITE CHAINS WILL FINISH SUPERBOY! SCORE--SIX LEGIONNAIRES DOWN...AND IT'S STILL MY TURN AT BAT!
THE LEGION HAS NEVER BATTLED A MORE AWESOME, POWERFUL FOE THAN-- THE FANTASTIC DR. REGULUS in "TARGET-- 21 LEGIONNAIRES!"

STORY

"Target – 21 Legionnaires" (24 pages)
Part 1: **"And Then There Were None"**
Part 2: **"Birds in a Golden Cage"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler (layouts only): **Jim Shooter**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp** (finished art)
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Superboy, and **Sun Boy** (origin revealed)

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Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Chameleon Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Shrinking Violet, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, Princess Projectra, Ferro Lad, and **Karate Kid** (all behind the scenes only)

Brainiac 5 (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #362)

Villains

Dr. Zaxton Regulus (first appearance; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #191) and **his robots** (first and only appearance to date; some appear in flashback only)

Guest Appearances

Jimmy Olsen (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #96; behind the scenes only; appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #160)

Pete Ross (in between *Superboy* #131 and #135; behind the scenes only)

Other Characters

Derek Morgna (first appearance; Sun Boy's father; appears in flashback only; appears next in issue #356)

Zarl Hedricks (first appearance; Sun Boy's boyhood friend; dies in flashback)

Two unnamed atomic plant scientists (first and only appearance of both to date; both appear in flashback only)

Science Police officers (last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #362; all but one behind the scenes only; appear next in issue #352)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis

Comments

Invisible Kid is elected Legion leader in this story.

This story is inspired by the poem "Ten Little Indians".

Synopsis

Superboy arrives in the 30th century just in time to vote in the current Legion election. Invisible Kid is elected leader with the Boy of Steel as deputy. A regular meeting follows, after which the Legionnaires adjourn to Metropolis Arena to entertain children from the Inter-Stellar Orphanage in a charity show. During their performance, an earth tremor interrupts the program and knocks Sun Boy unconcious. Upon waking, however, he has amnesia, and flies off. At the same moment, word reaches the heroes that their Clubhouse has been stolen. Deciding that the latter is the more pressing concern, the Legionnaires return to find an empty pit where the Clubhouse once stood.

The villain responsible, Dr. Regulus, a man clad in golden armor who uses it to draw power from the sun, watches them on his monitor and gloats, particularly over eliminating his major threat. He then steals a second structure, the Trevis Building, and as the Legionnaires come after him, he blasts their craft from the sky. Meanwhile, Sun Boy has wandered into a nuclear power plant and fallen asleep from exhaustion.

The Legionnaires survive and overtake Regulus's ship. Once inside, they split up to locate the criminal. Colossal Boy is overcome by a gigantic robot; Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, and Brainiac 5 are defeated by a robot duplicate of Cosmic Boy; Superboy is attacked by Kryptonite-wielding robots; Cosmic Boy is knocked unconcious by heavy metal clamps pinning him to a wall; and Invisible Kid is shocked insensible by a charge of sunlight.

Just as Dr. Regulus is about to destroy the heroes, however, Sun Boy, whose memory has returned, appears. The other Legionnaires are freed, and Dr. Regulus delays them long enough to depart in an escape rocket.

The Legionnaires return their Clubhouse and the Trevis Building to their rightful places, and Sun Boy explains how Regulus, once a scientist at his father's atomic plant, had been accidentally responsible for giving him his power long ago. While the heroes express hope that he never returns, Dr. Regulus, now safely hidden, vows to do just that when they least expect it.

Adventure Comics #349

October 1966

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)

Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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STORY

"The Rogue Legionnaire" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Ambushed Across the Ages"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler (layouts only): **Jim Shooter**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, and **Superboy**

Supporting Characters

Prof. Huxton of the Chrono-Research Lab (first appearance; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* #2)

Rond Vidar (first appearance; Universo's son; name revealed in his next appearance in issue #360)

Villain

Universo (Argus Oranx III; real name revealed in *Superboy* #207; also known as Vidar, a former Green Lantern, as revealed in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #295, which is his last chronological appearance; first appearance; appears next, disguised as President Kandro Boltax, in issue #359)

Other Characters

The Mayor of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #302; appears next in *Superboy* #222)

Two unnamed guards at the United Planets Building (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in the second story in issue #355)

Kublai Khan, his army, and **his mechanical dragon; Napoleon Bonaparte, a nobleman** and **his servants of 1812 A.D. France** (**Marie** named in this story); **knights of 693 A.D. Britain; a falconer** and **Horus** (his falcon) **of 1243 B.C. Gizah, Egypt;** and **an Incan king of 1300 A.D. Peru** (all encountered by time-travelling Legionnaires in this story)

Comment

Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Ferro Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Legionnaires Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, and Superboy act as judges at the Metropolis Students' Science Fair, and award first prize to a young inventor for his exhibit, a collapsible Time Cube. As the prize is given, the heroes streak back to the Clubhouse to greet Universo, a villain in the process of breaking in.

Universo uses his power of super-hypnosis to overcome all but Brainiac 5, who resists, but fails to stop the criminal from escaping in one of their Time Bubbles after destroying the other. The others soon recover, except Superboy, who remains hypnotized due to Kryptonite dust in Universo's hypnotic eye device, but the Legionnaires now have no way of tracking their foe.

When a Professor Huxton of the Chrono-Research Lab, secretly Universo's thrall, calls to ask about unscheduled time travel activity, and mentions five areas of disturbance, Brianiac 5 realizes Universo is responsible and rushes back to the Science Fair with the others. With its inventor's cooperation, they use his Time Cube to send each Legionnaire to one of the time-disturbance eras, in hopes of capturing the villain. Chameleon Boy arrives in Peru in 1300; Shrinking Violet appears in Gizah, Egypt, in 1243 B.C.; Colossal Boy finds himself in England in 693; Saturn Girl is transported to Paris, France, in 1812; and Brainiac 5 goes to Shang-Tu, China, in 1280. In each era the Legionnaires are seemingly destroyed by lackeys whom Universo had previously hypnotized.

Back in 30th century Metropolis, Universo easily makes his way through the United Planets Council Building to the Inner Council itself. When he attempts to hypnotize the Council members, they reveal themselves to be the Legionnaires, alive and well. The young inventor had modified his Time Cube to bring the heroes back safely whenever his time monitor showed one in peril. As Universo is taken into custody, the Legionnaires' new friend reveals that the villain is actually his father.

Adventure Comics #350

November 1966

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Outcast Super-Heroes" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"The Devil's Dozen"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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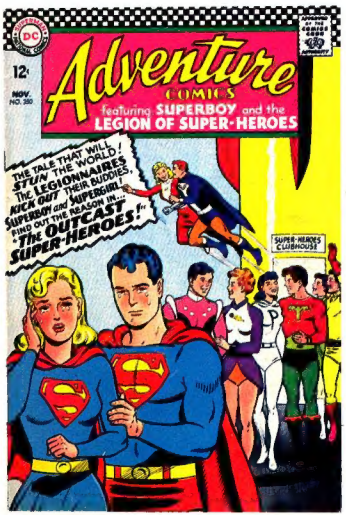
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THE TALE THAT WILL STUN THE WORLD! THE LEGIONNAIRES KICK OUT THEIR BUDDIES, SUPERBOY and SUPERGIRL FIND OUT THE REASON IN... "The OUTCAST SUPER-HEROES!"
SUPER-HEROES CLUBHOUSE

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, and **Ferro Lad**

Star Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; rejoins the Legion of Super-Heroes disguised as "Sir Prize" in this story)

Supergirl and **Superboy** (both leave the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Dream Girl (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; rejoins the Legion of Super-Heroes disguised as "Miss Terious" in this story)

Karate Kid (next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Supporting Characters

Rene Jacques Brande (hereinafter referred to as R. J. Brande; last name and initials revealed in next issue; first and middle names revealed in *Superboy* #221; real name, Ren Daggle, and identity as a Durlan and Chameleon Boy's father revealed in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #3; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1)

The White Witch (Mysa; first name revealed in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #291; last name not revealed (not necessarily the same as Nura Nal's, as siblings do not share surnames in Naltorian society); identity as Dream Girl's sister revealed in next issue; first appearance; last chronological appearance in the second story in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #316; appears as **the Hag** (Xola Aq; alias revealed in next issue), one of the Devil's Dozen, in this story)

Villains

Prince Evillo (first appearance; last chronological appearance in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #316; leader of the Devil's Dozen) and **his men** (first appearance)

Sugyn, Apollo (Tal Obrin), and **the Wild Huntsman** (first appearance of all; members of the Devil's Dozen)

Other Characters

The Beast-Guards of the Interplanetary Bank (Jigsaw Creature, Loudspeaker Beast, and **the Asteroid Serpent;** first appearance; all appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #172)

Employees of the Interplanetary Bank (first appearance; appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Superboy* #172)

Cameo Appearances

Computo (as a statuette)

Jor-El, Lara, and **baby Kal-El** (in flashback)

Comments

Colossal Boy's costume is miscolored yellow on the cover of this issue.

Princess Projectra does not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

This issue includes a text feature: "Meet the Legionnaires: Chameleon Boy."

Synopsis

Superboy and Supergirl are summoned to the 30th century, where they learn that a Green Kryptonite cloud has surrounded the Earth, and all attempts by the Legion to disperse the cloud have failed. Thus Superboy and Supergirl must be honorably discharged as Legionnaires until such time as the cloud lifts. Before they depart they are brainwashed, by means of Green Kryptonite capsules placed in their brains, to forget the Legion, lest criminals inadvertantly learn their secrets. The two are then sent back to their own eras, after insisting that two lead-armored, masked figures, Sir Prize and Miss Terious, be allowed to replace them.

Meanwhile, a criminal named Prince Evillo gathers together his Devil's Dozen, the Hag, a witch-like woman, the Wild Huntsman, a centaur, Sugyn, a Norseman, and Apollo, who resembles his namesake, and sends each on a separate mission. Apollo leads some of Evillo's men in a robbery at the Interplanetary Bank. With his power to utterly charm animals and people alike, he has almost completed his task when five Legionnaires, Lightning Lad, Saturn Girl, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, and Sir Prize, arrive to stop him. In the ensuing battle Apollo and his gang kidnap Lightning Lad and escape. Back at the Clubhouse, the others relate their defeat.

When the Legion's benefactor, R. J. Brande, sends a call for help, Cosmic Boy, Ferro Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, and Miss Terious rush to investigate. Ultra Boy, meanwhile, determined to learn the identities of the two new members, decides to use his penetra-vision to see through their lead masks.

Adventure Comics #351

December 1966

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Forgotten Legion" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"The Faces Behind the Masks"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Invisible Kid, Princess Projectra, and **Ferro Lad** (next chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Saturn Girl, Phantom Girl, Colossal Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, and **Element Lad**

Star Boy and **Dream Girl** (disguised as "Sir Prize" and "Miss Terious"; true identities revealed in this story)

Supergirl and **Superboy** (both rejoin the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Bouncing Boy (last seen in issue #345; regains his power and rejoins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Ultra Boy (also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case)

Brainiac 5 and **Karate Kid** (appear only in flashbacks to untold Legion cases)

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LEGION? I NEVER HEARD OF IT! NOW GET THAT EYESORE OUT OF SMALLVILLE BEFORE I DEMOLISH IT!
SMALLVILLE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN KEEP OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL
SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE

Supporting Characters

White Witch (appears as **the Hag;** true identity revealed in this story; appears next, behind the scenes, in issue #369)

Polar Boy, Night Girl, and **Fire Lad** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; all appear next in issue #374)

Chlorophyll Kid and **Stone Boy** (both last seen in issue #342; teamed with the above three characters as **the Legion of Substitute Heroes;** both appear next in issue #374)

Color Kid (last seen in issue #342; revealed to have joined the Legion of Substitute Heroes in this story; appears next in issue #374)

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Beppo, Comet, and **Streaky** (all last seen in issue #343; all appear next in issue #364)

Krypto (last seen in issue #343; teamed with the above three characters as the **Legion of Super-Pets;** appears next in *Superman* #195)

R. J. Brande (last name misspelled "Brandes" in this story; behind the scenes only; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Villains

Prince Evillo and **his men** (no further appearance of all to date)

Sugyn, Apollo, and **the Wild Huntsman** (no further appearance of all to date)

Master Mxyzptlk (last seen in *Superboy* #131; next chronological appearance, as Mr. Mxyzptlk, in *Superman* #131)

Other Characters

Miss Morrison (first and only appearance to date; a teacher at Smallville High)

The students of Smallville High (in between *Superboy* #130 and #135; **Ken** named in this story)

The citizens of 20th century Smallville (in between *Superboy* #130 and #135)

The inhabitants of the 5th dimensional world Zrffff (last seen in issue #306; next chronological appearance in *Action Comics* #273)

Dr. Zan Orbal (first and only appearance to date; restores Bouncing Boy, Lightning Lad, and Matter-Eater Lad to normalcy in this story)

Cameo Appearances

Shrinking Violet (in flashback to previous issue)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (in flashback)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in issue #343 and appears next in issue #364.

Chameleon Boy, Duo Damsel, Light Lass, Shrinking Violet, and Sun Boy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, the Legionnaires send Jimmy Olsen some costumes and a flight ring for his birthday in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #99.

Then Princess Projectra, Ferro Lad, and Karate Kid battle Black Mace, as revealed in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31.

Synopsis

Invisible Kid slugs Ultra Boy, stopping his attempt to learn Sir Prize's identity.

Meanwhile, Cosmic Boy, Ferro Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, and Miss Terious reach the small planet that is the Brande estate. The four Legionnaires meet the Hag, who conjures up pictures showing the fate of each hero. After she vanishes, the Legionnaires retreat, Miss Terious advising them that they need to create a spell to counter their enemy's magic. As the needed ingredients for the spell are not available, the Legionnaires at the Clubhouse, as well as the Legion of Substitute Heroes, are pressed into service.

The Super-Heroes time-travel to Superboy's era to enlist his aid. Because the Green Kryptonite capsule is still erasing his memory of them, Element Lad changes it to helium. Now recognizing the Legionnaires, Superboy, accompanied by Mon-El, flies to Master Mxyzptlk's fifth dimension to get one of the ingredients, a lock of Mxyzptlk's hair. Chuck Taine, the former Bouncing Boy, who has been left to guard the Clubhouse, is captured by Sugyn, who brings him before Evillo.

Arriving at Stanhope College in Supergirl's era, the Substitute Heroes find that she doesn't recognize them, and summons the Legion of Super-Pets to attack them. In the battle that follows, Comet leaves his hoofprints in a slab of cement, thus giving the heroes their needed ingredient, the print of an enchanted shoe.

The two teams brings their items to Miss Terious, who mentions that the Wild Huntsman has kidnapped Matter-Eater Lad. The Hag reappears, and Miss Terious uses the ingredients to cast a spell which transforms the Hag back to her real self, Dream Girl's sister, the White Witch of the planet Naltor. Sir Prize and Miss Terious then reveal themselves to be Star Boy and Dream Girl, and the Legion invites them to stay on as members.

The White Witch lead the heroes to Tartarus, Evillo's planet, where they find that his doctor has double-crossed him, giving Lightning Lad a human right arm, reducing Matter-Eater Lad to his normal weight, and recreating the super-plastic fluid, restoring Chuck Taine's bouncing power. A battle erupts in which the Legion easily defeats Evillo and his men and learns that the doctor helped them in revenge for the inhuman face Evillo had given him in an earlier experiment.

Finally, Superboy and Supergirl are able to rejoin the Legion because a new Substitute Legionnaire, Color Kid, has altered the color of the Kryptonite cloud and capsules from green to blue, which has no effect on them.

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LEGIONNAIRES! TO THE SPACE CRUISERS! SEARCH THE GALAXY! FIND THE FATAL FIVE... OR THE UNIVERSE DIES!
FATAL FIVE
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STORY

"The Fatal Five" (19 pages)
Part 1: **"To Save a Galaxy"**
Part 2: **"An S.O.S. to Evil"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Princess Projectra, and **Ferro Lad** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Superboy and **Sun Boy**

Villains

Tharok (first appearance; origin revealed; also appears in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #271 between panel 4 and 5 of flashback on page 4)

Validus (Validus Ranzz; first appearance; last name, origin, and identity as the son of Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl, transformed and transplanted in time by Darkseid, revealed in his last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* (second series) #3)

The Emerald Empress (Sarya; last name not revealed; first appearance; origin revealed)

Mano (first appearance; origin revealed)

The Persuader (first appearance; teamed with the above four villains as the **Fatal Five** as of this story)

The Sun-Eater (not to be confused with the Sun-Eater in issue #305; first appearance; a galactic creature, used as a weapon by the renegade Controller, as revealed in its last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #357; a Sun-Eater is also seen in a chronologically earlier appearance in *DC Comics Presents* #43)

A renegade Controller (first appearance; behind the scenes only, as revealed in issue #357; see Comment below)

Other Characters

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #348; some appear only in flashback; appear next in issue #359)

United Planets Emergency Force agents (first and only appearance of all to date; some appear only in flashback; one dies in this story)

Astonomers of the 28th century (first and only appearance to date; in flashback)

Law officers and **doctors of planet Zadron** (first and only appearance to date; in flashback to Tharok's origin)

The inhabitants of planet Vengar (first and only appearance to date; in flashback to Emerald Empress's origin)

The inhabitants of planet Angtu (first appearance; all die in flashback to Mano's origin)

The inhabitants of planet Craggok (first and only appearance to date)

The President of the United Planets Inner Council (first and only appearance to date)

The Prime Minister and **two police officers of an unnamed planet** (first and only appearance of all to date)

The Governor-General of planet Jupiter (first and only appearance to date)

Unnamed heroes of planets Anv, Gohan, Xak, and **Duar** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Unnamed hero of planet Mars (first and only appearance to date; as a voice only)

Comments

The race of Controllers, which makes chronologically earlier appearances in flashbacks in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #7 and *DC Comics Presents* #50, is revealed to be an offshoot of the Oan race, which also produced the Guardians of the Universe, in *Who's Who* #5.

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

This issue includes a text feature: "Meet Your Legionnaires: Cosmic Boy."

Synopsis

At the Legion Clubhouse, Superboy, Cosmic Boy, Sun Boy, Princess Projectra, and Ferro Lad, the Legionnaires on duty, study a film of the Fatal Five, a collection of the galaxy's deadliest villains. These include the Persuader, an extortionist who wields an atomic axe that can slice through anything, including energy; Tharok, a criminal whose half-human, half-robot body gives him immeasurable intelligence; the Emerald Empress, whose Emerald Eye of Ekron does whatever she wills it to do; Validus, a gargantuan being with super-strength and the ability to project lightning from his head; and Mano, a mutant with a glowing disc on his right hand which enables him to destroy anything he touches.

Word reaches the heroes that the dreaded Sun-Eater is approaching Earth. The Sun-Eater is a huge, cloud-like being that wanders through the universe and devours suns by wrapping itself around them, leaving them cold, dark husks, incapable of supporting life. Because their teammates are on a mission in Dimension QK-51, the five Legionnaires try to summon other heroes in the galaxy to help in the emergency, but to no avail.

In desperation, they decide to ask the Fatal Five for assistance against the Sun-Eater, since they too are menaced. Cosmic Boy recruits Tharok, Superboy persuades the Emerald Empress to come, Sun Boy is dispatched to bring back Validus, Princess Projectra contacts the Persuader, and Ferro Lad returns with Mano.

Adventure Comics #353

February 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciller) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Doomed Legionaire" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Slain by the Sun-Eater"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Duo Damsel, Sun Boy, and **Light Lass** (all appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100)

Lightning Lad (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Mon-El, Element Lad, and **Princess Projectra**

Invisible Kid (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100)

Ferro Lad (dies in this story; possibly appears as a ghost in issue #357)

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ONE OF THE LEGIONNAIRES ON THIS COVER WILL DIE! YOU'LL BE SHOCKED BY THE IDENTITY OF... The DOOMED LEGIONNAIRE!

Villains

The Fatal Five (all appear next in issue #365)

The Sun-Eater (dies in this story; next appearance of a Sun-Eater in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #7)

The renegade Controller (behind the scenes; appears next in issue #357)

Cameo Appearances

Eight heroes of unnamed planets

A United Planets Emergency Force agent (in flashback to previous issue)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Dream Girl, Karate Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Shanghalla is misspelled "Shanghalia" in this story.

Following this story, Jimmy Olsen visits the Legion in the 30th century in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100.

The Legionnaires build a rocket memorial to Ferro Lad, and program it to land on the cemetery satellite for heroes, Shanghalla.

Adventure Comics #354

March 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Adult Legion" (22 pages)
Part 2: **"One Against the Legion"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Synopsis

The five Legionnaires gather with the five villains on Tharok's ship. That night, Mano visits the Emerald Empress in her room to suggest treachery. She refuses, and tosses him out with her Emerald Eye. She then proposes the same scheme to Superboy, and produces Green Kryptonite to "persuade" him, but Cosmic Boy appears, and the Kryptonite is hidden as he summons them to Tharok's conference room.

There, Tharok announces his scheme to destroy the Sun-Eater. Sun Boy will lure it to one side with his power, the Persuader will divide it into eight sections with his axe, and the others will each destroy one of those sections. As even their combined might is insufficient to battle the creature, Tharok treats them with his intensifier, which temporarily increases their abilities. Unknown to the others, Validus's cabinet is specially wired so that he is put under Tharok's mental control.

The next morning, the plan goes into effect as Sun Boy lures the Sun-Eater into their trap with his increased power. The Persuader's atomic axe slices the Sun-Eater into eight segments. Validus wades into the cloudy mass of his section but is soon overcome. Superboy, too, is defeated when it blasts him with red sun rays. Cosmic Boy and Emerald Empress similarly fall, but survive. Princess Projectra's illusions have no effect, and she is almost consumed by the nimbus, but she is rescued by Validus, who saves her despite his own injuries. Mano's hand has no effect on his segment, while Ferro Lad turns to iron to penetrate the heart of the creature and discover its core, the life-force which controls it. It blasts him back, and he falls.

As Tharok watches the segments reform, he summons all to the ship to announce that he has built an absorbatron bomb to destroy the Sun-Eater once and for all. Since the bomb has no propulsion system or timing device, Superboy volunteers to carry it into the Sun-Eater despite his weakness from its red sun barrage.

Ferro Lad suddenly changes into iron, punches Superboy, and grabs the bomb. Flying through an airlock into space, he soars into the heart of the creature and sets off the bomb, completely destroying both the Sun-Eater and himself.

As the heart-broken Legionnaires prepare to depart, they are quickly captured by the Fatal Five and put in chains. Tharok then orders Validus to destroy the heroes, and as he prepares to obey, Princess Projectra exhorts him to fight off Tharok's influence. He slowly does, and as he flashes a bolt of mental lightning at the villains, the Persuader's axe counters it. The resulting impact causes the Five to vanish in a blinding flash.

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Feature Characters

Cosmic Man and **Lightning Man** (both last seen in *Superman* #155)

Saturn Woman (last seen in *Superman* #165)

Brainiac 5 (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #289; not to be confused with his younger counterpart)

Superman

Element Man (first appearance; the adult Element Lad; not to be confused with Metamorpho, the Element Man)

Polar Man (first appearance; revealed to have joined the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Timber Wolf (first appearance; the adult former Lone Wolf; revealed to have joined the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #300)

Ferro Lad (appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in issue #346, which is his first appearance)

Supporting Characters

Duo Damsel (as Luornu Durgo Taine; last chronological appearance, as Triplicate Woman, in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #289; see fourth Comment below)

Phantom Woman (as Tinya Wazzo Nah; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in Action Comics #289)

Colossal Man, Star Man (not to be confused with the Justice Society member, the character in *First Issue Special* #12, or the hero who first appears in issue #467), **Ultra Man** (not to be confused with the Crime Syndicate member or the hero from *All-American Comics*), **Shrinking Violet** (as Salu Digby Qelu), **Bouncing Man, Mon-El, Light Lady** (as Ayla Ranzz Londo), **Matter-Eater Man,** and **Dream Woman** (as Nura Nal Kallor; first and only appearance of all to date; all revealed to have retired from active Legion duty in this story)

Night Woman (as Lydda Jath Krinn; first and only appearance to date; revealed to have retired from the Legion of Substitute Heroes in this story)

Duplicate Man (Real name given as Ord Qelu in this story; see second Comment for issue #324; first and only appearance to date)

Villains

Ferro Man (Douglas Nolan; first and only appearance to date; Ferro Lad's twin brother)

The Legion of Super-Villains (Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, and Saturn Queen; all last seen in *Superman* #147; not to be confused with the adult Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, and Saturn Queen seen in issue #331 et al; see second Comment below)

Other Characters

Ronn and **Arna Nah** (son and daughter of Ultra Man and Phantom Woman); **Brin, Bran,** and **Loni Londo** (twin sons and daughter of Timber Wolf and Light Lady); **the unnamed son of Bouncing Man and Duo Damsel;** and **the unnamed son** and **daughter of Shrinking Violet and Duplicate Man** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Commissioner of the Science Police (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed space beast (first and only appearance to date)

Two female classmates of Andrew and Douglas Nolan (first and only appearance to date; in flashback)

Cameo Appearances

Dynamo-Boy (in a photograph)

Shadow Woman, Chemical King, Reflecto, and **Power Boy** (as statues; see Comment)

Comments

This story, which continues in the next issue, takes place in a future time-line different from that of the Legion of Super-Heroes discussed in this index. Consequently, all the characters herein are treated as separate and distinct from their "teenage counterparts." It is worth noting, however, that brief glimpses of the "real" Legion's future are afforded in this story, most notably by the statues of heroes named Shadow Woman (Shadow Lass), Chemical King, Reflecto, and Power Boy (and on the cover, Quantum Queen), all of whom will appear, as teenagers, in later "real" Legion stories.

Because the Adult Legion comes from a different time-line, so do all other characters in this story, including Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, and Saturn Queen of the Legion of Super-Villains, whose only previous appearance was in *Superman* #147, not issue #331.

Cosmic Man is the Adult Legion leader in this story.

Because she is referred to as the former Duo Damsel in this story, it can now be presumed that the Triplicate Girl of this time-line does at some point suffer the loss of one of her three bodies.

This issue includes a text feature: "Meet the Legionnaires: Lightning Lad and Light Lass".

Synopsis

Superman is summoned to the 30th century by the adult Legion of Super-Heroes. Arriving, he tours their headquarters complex, seeing statues in honor of the members who died in action and the ones who married. Brainiac 5 greets the Man of Steel, and together they explore the headquarters, and contact the many retired members.

At the Legion meeting, Cosmic Man, their leader, announces that a mysterious person, who seems to know all their secrets, has been attacking and destroying their data, weaponry, and ships. Their only hope is to be on 24-hour guard, in the hope of catching him in the act.

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After two weeks, an emergency arises when an elevated expressway in Metropolis collapses. Sensing a diversion, Brainiac 5 sends Cosmic Man, Polar Man, and Element Man, rather than Superman, to handle the disaster. His hunch proves correct, for their mysterious attacker appears and battles the heroes, injuring Timber Wolf and Saturn Woman with his steel-like body.

Superman soon deduces the enemy's identity and confides his suspicions to Cosmic Man, who decides to wait for him to reappear. When he does, the heroes are almost defeated, but capture him when Superman and Cosmic Man, who had switched costumes beforehand, fool him.

The villain is revealed as Douglas Nolan, twin brother of the late Andrew (Ferro Lad) Nolan. He has the same power his brother had, and knew their secrets because of the psychic bond between the twins. He had first hated the heroes following Ferro Lad's death, for which he blamed them, but later he learned the truth. His hatred recently reawakened, however, when someone put him under their mental control.

Watching the Super-Heroes from an undersea base are those responsible, the adult Legion of Super-Villains–Cosmic King, Saturn Queen, and Lightning Lord.

Adventure Comics #355

April 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The War of the Legions" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Man, Saturn Woman, and **Brainiac 5** (all appear next in *World's Finest Comics* #168)

Lightning Man and **Polar Man** (no further appearances to date)

Superman

Element Man (appears next, behind the scenes, in *Superman* #213)

Lex Luthor and **Mr. Mxyzptlk** (first and only appearance of both to date; 30th century descendants of Superman's foes; both join the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Villains

Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, and **Saturn Queen** (no further appearances to date)

Beauty Blaze and **Echo** (first and only appearance of both to date; teamed with the above three villains as the **Legion of Super-Villains**)

Other Characters

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (first and only appearance to date; see Comment)

Cameo Appearance

Ferro Man (on a viewscreen)

Comments

Because the Adult Legion comes from a different timeline, so do all other characters in this story.

The editor's note on page 12, panel 3 of this story erroneously refers to issue #130, instead of issue #310.

Synopsis

The Legion of Super-Villains, which now includes two new members, Echo and Beauty Blaze, plots to defeat the Super-Heroes by capturing a Legionnaire. When Superman decides to depart for his own time, Brainiac 5 accompanies him to the time-travel lanes, and is captured by the villains moments after the Man of Steel vanishes.

Hours later, the villains announce to the worried Legionnaires that they have abducted Brainiac 5. Envelopes materialize containing different destinations, at which his location will be revealed. Each hero travels to his appointed spot and defeats the Super-Villain waiting for him: Cosmic Man meets Echo at Echo Canyon, Saturn Woman encounters Saturn Queen at the Universe Fair in Metropolis, Lightning Man finds his brother, Lightning Lord, in the Metropolis Power Company's power plant, Polar Man battles Beauty Blaze on the island of Java, and Element Man fights Cosmic King in a chemical laboratory.

The Legionnaires learn that Brainiac 5 is being held in the villains' undersea base, and meet there to free their comrade, only to find that the real villains are waiting for them, the heroes having actually battled life-like images.

The Legionnaires are soon overcome, but are saved when two armor-clad figures arrive to rescue them. These prove to be the 30th century descendants of Lex Luthor and Mr. Mxyzptlk, and the grateful heroes accept them as new members.

SECOND STORY

"The Six-Legged Legionnaire" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Otto Binder**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, and **Dream Girl**

Invisible Kid and **Light Lass** (both last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100)

Bouncing Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

Guest Star

Lana Lang (in between *Superboy* #137 and #139; also appears as **Insect Queen**; joins the Legion Reserve in this story)

Villain

Oggar-Kon (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

The students of Smallville High (in between *Superboy* #137 and #139)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #348)

The people of Ice City, Antarctica (first and only appearance to date)

A robot window-washer, a crewman and **two passengers on an Around the World Express rocket ship,** and **two rejected Legion applicants** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Brainiac 5, Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Because Lana Lang refuses to watch when she catches Superboy switching to his secret identity, he rewards her by taking her to a Legion meeting. Changing to her costumed identity of Insect Queen, Lana tours 30th century Metropolis, and after meeting Dream Girl, decides to apply for Legion membership. Since her powers come from her biogenetic ring, however, she is disqualified.

The Legionnaires are then summoned to Antarctica, where its Ice City is threatened by the ruthless criminal, Oggar-Kon. Despite Dream Girl's prediction that Lana will meet with tragedy if she changes into a moth maid, Lana comes along, and helps the heroes when Oggar-Kon nearly defeats them. In the course of the battle Superboy is sprinkled with Green Kryptonite dust, and Lana changes to a Sphinx Moth to shake it off him. In the process, her bioring slips off her finger and is seemingly lost forever; thus, Lana is trapped in insect form.

After Oggar-Kon is captured by the others, the Legionnaires search for Lana's ring, until it finally turns up in the pouch of Superboy's cape. In gratitude for her assistance on this case, the Legionnaires vote Lana into the Legion Reserve.

Adventure Comics #356

May 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Five Legion Orphans" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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INTERSTELLAR ORPHANAGE

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Duo Damsel, and **Sun Boy** (all last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100; next chronological appearance of all in flashback in issue #369)

Lightning Lad, Invisible Kid, Brainiac 5, Star Boy, Superboy, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, and **Dream Girl**

Colossal Boy and **Shrinking Violet** (both behind the scenes only)

Mon-El (next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #369)

Supporting Characters

Fryd and **Mira Kallor** (both last seen in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #282; both appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #28)

Mr. and **Mrs. Ranzz** (first names not revealed; first appearance; last chronological appearance of both in the Legion origin in *Superboy* #147; parents of Lightning Lad, Light Lass, and Lightning Lord; both appear next in flashback in *Superboy* #207)

Hu and **Ewa Krinn** (both last seen in issue #335)

Pol Krinn (last seen in issue #335)

Derek Morgna (last seen in flashback in issue #348; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #263)

Mrs. Norg (first name not revealed; first appearance; Invisible Kid's mother; appears next in issue #359)

Mr. and **Mrs. Durgo** (first names not revealed; first appearance; Duo Damsel's parents; both appear next in issue #359)

Arn Digby (first appearance; behind the scenes only; Shrinking Violet's father; first name revealed in his next appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #263)

Rall and **Mitz Kem** (both last seen in issue #338; behind the scenes only; both appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #381)

Wynn Allon (first name revealed in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #263; first appearance; behind the scenes only; Colossal Boy's father; appears next in issue #371)

Marte Ida Allon (first name revealed in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series #271; middle name revealed in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #263; first appearance; behind the scenes only; Colossal Boy's mother; appears next in issue #371)

Other Characters

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in issue #358)

The inhabitants of planet Baskh (first and only appearance to date; **Daq** and **Yag** named in this story)

The inhabitants of planet Zinth (first and only appearance to date)

Two space patrolmen, employees, patrons, and **orphans of the Interstellar Orphanage,** and **reporters** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Mon-El's descendants (last appearance of inhabitants of planet Daxam in issue #312; appear in flashback only; appear next in issue #363)

Cameo Appearances

Bouncing Boy (as a toy doll)

Saturn Girl (as a face on the Mission Monitor Board)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Karate Kid, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

First mention is made in this story of Rokyn, also known as New Krypton, the name of the planet on which Kandor would be enlarged.

The planet Colu, Brainiac 5's homeworld, is referred to as planet Yod in this story. It is later explained that this is the world's name in another language of the planet.

Synopsis

While their comrades celebrate Parents' Day with a parade and a banquet, the five Legion orphans, Superboy, Mon-El, Brainiac 5, Element Lad, and Dream Girl, remain on guard at the Legion Clubhouse.

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An alarm reaches them from the planet Zinth, and the five speed there to investigate a stolen power crystal, which the authorities claim raiders had dropped into a deep pond before escaping. As Superboy and Mon-El search for the raiders, the other Legionnaires don masks and dive into the pond to retrieve the crystal. As they attempt to bring it to the surface, however, they find themselves rapidly growing younger. Superboy and Mon-El return and get the crystal themselves, despite Dream Girl's warning. They too soon become younger, until all five are infants.

As they play at the pond's edge, authorities remove the crystal and take the Legion children to the Interstellar Orphanage, where various couples adopt them. Coincidentally, all their new parents live in the same neighborhood on the planet Baskh. Brainiac 5's twelfth-level-effector brain is still normal, and he searches his chemist dad's laboratory for a cure for himself and his comrades. He eventually develops pills and gives them to the Legionnaires, who quickly revert to normal.

Their "parents" explain that all the children of the neighborhood died of the fallout when their moon collided with a radioactive asteroid. They soon came upon the scheme of causing the Legion orphans to become children and adopting them as their own, knowing they'd be immune to the fallout. However, Dream Girl predicts that they will have children of their own within a year because the fallout is no longer dangerous.

REPRINTED STORY

"Lana Lang and the Legion of Super-Heroes"
(from issue #282)

Adventure Comics #357

June 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Ghost of Ferro Lad" (22 pages)
Part 2:**"The Phantom's Revenge"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Ultra Boy, Sun Boy, Mon-El, Light Lass, and **Princess Projectra**

Saturn Girl (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #100)

Ferro Lad (last seen, deceased, in issue #353; possibly appears as a ghost in this story)

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"The GHOST of FERRO LAD!"
IT IT CAN'T BE! FERRO LAD'S GHOST HAS RETURNED TO HAUNT US! HE'S BLAMING US FOR HIS DEATH!

Supporting Characters

Hu and **Ewa Krinn** (both appear next, behind the scenes, in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #296)

Pol Krinn (appears next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #236)

Villains

The renegade Controller (last seen, behind the scenes, in issue #353; dies in this story)

The Sun-Eater (first chronological appearance; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in issue #352)

The Controllers (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *DC Comics Presents* #50; appear in flashback only; appear next in issue #367)

Members of two unnamed intergalactic races (first and only appearance to date; in flashback)

Cameo Appearance

Kalkaf (as a statue)

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Comment

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The four Legionnaires who fought alongside Ferro Lad against the Sun-Eater, Superboy, Cosmic Boy, Sun Boy, and Princess Projectra, place a wreath at his memorial on Shanghalla, the cemetery satellite, then return to Earth, each obsessed with his memory. Meanwhile, a strange object from space pierces the walls of the Legion Clubhouse, and implants itself in the master control panel.

That night, the four heroes battle an unseen foe who causes nearly every object in the Clubhouse to attack them. After the barrage ends, a message burned in the wall indicates that Ferro Lad's ghost is haunting them, and Brainiac 5 and Saturn Girl, enroute to a law-enforcement convention on another planet, are summoned back to the Clubhouse to hear this news.

The ghost reappears to the foursome later that night and attacks, while Brainiac 5 attempts in vain to detect it with his equipment. When Saturn Girl tries to sense it with her powers, it shocks her into unconciousness. The ghost departs after destroying Ferro Lad's belongings, and Brainiac 5 is as perplexed as the others.

After putting Saturn Girl in the care of doctors, the other Legionnaires hold a seance, with Princess Projectra as the medium, in an attempt to contact Ferro Lad's ghost. The ghost appears, and orders the Legion to disband, which they do. Superboy is about to return to the 20th century, when a ray suddenly teleports him before an alien called a Controller, who uses his mental powers to hold the Boy of Steel motionless.

The Controller explains that he had been sent to the Legion's universe as one of a number of his race ordered to police his sector and prevent intergalactic war. His weapon for this task was the Sun-Eater, and when the other Controllers were recalled, he alone refused to return. Instead, he tried to use the Sun-Eater to conquer the universe.

Because Ferro Lad's sacrifice ruined that scheme, he posed as the dead Legionnaire's ghost, and caused the earlier events. As he prepares to destroy Superboy, the Legionnaire's flight ring is activated by an unseen force, summonning his comrades, who arrive to save him. The Controller eludes capture and almost kills the Legionnaires, but suffers the alien equivalent of a heart attack and dies, when something unknown frightens him to death.

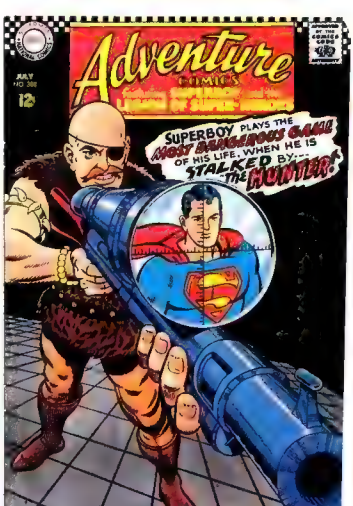
The Legionnaires, their morale restored, prepare to leave and wonder how Superboy could have contacted them. One possible answer: Ferro Lad's real ghost, which seems to follow them down a corridor.

Adventure Comics #358

July 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**



STORY

"The Hunter" (22 pages)
Part 2: **"The Fugitives"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, and **Ultra Boy**

Karate Kid (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31)

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Villains

The Hunter (Otto Orion; real name revealed in the second story in *Superboy* #199; first appearance; dies in this story), **Jakra** (his assistant), and **other inhabitants of planet Simballi** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Other Characters

A Tigerram, a Jovian mastodon, an Ankarian toad, a Venusian tricorn beast, a Toradian karkon, a Kryptonite beast, an Oraxian cyclops, a sloth-ape, Kangar (a large bird), **sensor dogs,** and **a radioactive monster** (first and only appearance of all to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #356)

Cameo Appearances

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Star Boy, and **Sun Boy** (as fake mounted heads in the Hunter's lair)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Star Boy, Sun Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

This story is loosely based on "The Most Dangerous Game" by Richard Connell.

Synopsis

On the jungle planetoid Simballi, the billionaire financier known as the Hunter traps and kills a beast called a tigerram. That night, at a great feast in his castle, the Hunter expresses boredom and dissatisfaction with his existence to his assistant, Jakra. He has trapped and killed the deadliest beasts in the galaxy, but he craves even more dangerous game. Pulling back a curtain to reveal plastic heads of the Legion members mounted on a wall, he tells Jakra that the Legionnaires will be his next conquest.

Ships from Orion Enterprises land at spaceports all over Earth, each containing vicious animals from the Hunter's private zoo. When the time is right, the Hunter issues a threat to the Legion by forming words in the sky. The heroes on duty at the Clubhouse, Superboy, Invisible Kid, Chameleon Boy, Karate Kid, Ultra Boy, and Shrinking Violet, fly over the city but fail to discover the source of the threat. The Hunter then has his animals released, and as they swarm over Metropolis, the heroes do their best to stop them. The Hunter appears, offering to halt the stampede if the Legionnaires will surrender to him. Since their efforts to quell the beasts have failed, the heroes reluctantly agree, and watch in amazement as he stops the creatures with a simple spoken command.

Arriving on Simballi, the Legionnaires are thrown into a jail cell and watch as the Hunter, confident of his forthcoming victory over them, holds a feast of the kill before the following day's events. Later that night the heroes try to escape, but find that the "run-down cell" they occupy is escape-proof, and that the Hunter, despite outward appearances, is really a scientific genius.

The following morning, the Hunter outlines his rules to the Legionnaires: he will use any means of hunting he desires to capture the heroes as they make their way through the jungle to a totem pole on a native sacrificial mountain twenty miles north of their starting point. They need only touch the pole to win safety. Given a fifteen-minute head start, the Legionnaires race into the jungle. At Invisible Kid's suggestion, Superboy flies towards the pole to win his own safety, but the Hunter has a falcon-like bird drop a Green Kryptonite net on the Boy of Steel, causing him to drop helplessly into a clearing below. The remaining Legionnaires split up to avoid capture, but the Hunter defeats them one by one, despite their powers.

The lone remaining Legionnaire, Invisible Kid eludes scouts, patrolling air-cars, and sensor-dogs, and reaches the mountaintop where the totem pole stands. He begins climbing, only to be blasted by the Hunter, hovering close by in an air-car. The Hunter orders him to surrender, but he refuses, and the energy barrage increases as he climbs. He finally touches the pole, and at the same moment an explosion causes the Hunter's ship to crash.

A dying Hunter explains to Invisible Kid that his zeal for the thrill of the chase had led him to place a bomb in his belt, which the hero had unwittingly set off by touching the pole. Before he expires, he informs Invisible Kid that his Legion comrades are alive and will be freed.

Adventure Comics #359

August 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Outlawed Legionnaires" (22 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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OFF LIMITS TO LEGIONNAIRES!

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Mon-El, Matter-Eater Lad, Element Lad, Light Lass, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, and **Karate Kid**

Supporting Characters

Mr. and **Mrs. Durgo** (both in between issue #356 and #378)

Mr. Norg (first and only appearance to date; Invisible Kid's father)

Mrs. Norg (last seen in issue #365; no further appearances to date)

R. J. Brande (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #31; appears next, behind the scenes, in issue #374)

Villains

Universo (last seen in issue #349; disguised as President Kandro Boltax in this story)

Brugol (first appearance; behind the scenes; warden of Takron-Galtos and Universo's accomplice)

Xakkan raiders (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

An unnamed President of Earth (first appearance; dies in this story)

Chet Bradley (first and only appearance to date; a TV newsman)

Several United Planets officials (first appearance)

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #352)

An unnamed judge of the United Planets High Criminal Tribunal (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed doctor at the Metropolis Medi-Center (first and only appearance to date)

Unnamed prisoners on planet Takron-Galtos (first appearance; last chronological appearance of some in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306)

Unnamed guards on planet Takron-Galtos (first appearance)

R. J. Brande's guards (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis

Comment

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The entire Legion is away from Earth on various missions. When they return, a Science Police squadron escorts their cruisers to Metropolis Spaceport, where they are informed that their club has been disbanded by the United Planets Council. The heroes find their Clubhouse barricaded, and are thrown into jail for violating a curfew.

Duo Damsel's parents bail her out and tell her that the President of Earth has died in a road accident, and has been succeeded by Kandro Boltax, the Vice-President, who has brought in an entirely new cabinet. His first bill, for a new water purification plant, was passed, and his second one, to outlaw the Legion, was also approved some days later.

Duo Damsel informs her comrades of all this, and the Legionnaires gather in front of the Metropolis Midtown Terminal the next day. There Dream Girl predicts that a monotrain will fall, and the heroes, Colossal Boy, Superboy, Mon-El, Element Lad, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Saturn Girl, and Ultra Boy, go into action to save it when the disaster happens seconds later. However, disguised Science Police officers arrest the group, who are sentenced by a judge to hard labor on Takron-Galtos, the prison planetoid.

The remaining Legionnaires, who are forbidden to use their powers or wear their costumes, are later attacked by a group of young toughs. Princess Projectra, the one member with the political influence to resolve their plight, is injured in the fight.

Later, Invisible Kid finds that his parents have attached a bugging device to his view-phone. Shocked, he resorts to his secret communicator and contacts Brainiac 5, who suggests that everyone on Earth is being controlled, and that their benefactor, R. J. Brande, is their only chance.

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On Takron-Galtos, the imprisoned boy Legionnaires are forced to labor in a jewel mine, while the girls work in a laundry. Saturn Girl's powers have told her the truth of the situation on Earth, but an invisible barrier stops her thoughts from leaving the planetoid.

When the free members call on R. J. Brande, he refuses to listen, and summons his guards. The heroes fight their way out, but Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Sun Boy, and Cosmic Boy are injured and left behind in the melee, while the others reconnoiter in an underground sewer. There they vow to form a secret resistance movement to discover the person behind all this.

Adventure Comics #360

September 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Legion Chain Gang" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"The Legion Spies"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra, and **Karate Kid**

Duo Damsel, Brainiac 5, Mon-El, and **Element Lad** (all appear next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #106)

Light Lass (behind the scenes only)

Supporting Characters

Rond Vidar (name revealed in this story; last seen in issue #349; becomes an honorary member of the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in *Superboy* #200)

Villains

Universo (disguised as President Kandro Boltax and identity revealed in this story; appears next in *Superboy* #207)

Brugol (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Several United Planets officials (no further appearances to date)

Science Police officers (appear next in issue #366)

The prisoners and guards on planet Takron-Galtos (appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #386)

Metropolis Jail guards (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in issue #366)

Cameo Appearances

Mr. Durgo, R. J. Brande and **his guards,** and **the unnamed judge** (from previous issue; all in flashback)

Comments

Supergirl does not appear in this story.

Following this story, Jimmy Olsen pays Brainiac 5, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, and Mon-El a visit in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #106.

Synopsis

The Legionnaires wander through the maze of sewers, where they discover a hidden passageway leading to one of Lex Luthor's secret lairs. Using his advanced machinery, they recreate their costumes and eat, then lay plans to free Cosmic Boy, Sun Boy, Lightning Lad, and Duo Damsel from jail.

At the same time, President Boltax receives a report from Brugol, the warden on Takron-Galtos. Boltax then visits his son, whom he keeps prisoner in a locked room. The boy refuses to speak to him, and after Boltax leaves, he loosens the screws on a ventilator grill and escapes.

Meanwhile, the Legionnaires, under the leadership of Espionage Squad chief Chameleon Boy, successfully free their captive comrades from jail and retrieve their confiscated flight rings, then regroup at Luthor's lair. They deduce that Earth's water supply has had a hypno-chemical put into it, and Brainiac 5 concocts an antidote.

At the water purification plant the next day, the Legion creates a distraction to divert the guards, while Brainiac 5 goes to pour his antidote into the water. In the melee that follows, Brainiac 5 is slugged from behind by a guard, but is saved by Boltax's son. He blows up a tank, causing the antidote-treated water to rain down on the guards, freeing their minds from Boltax's control.

Boltax is captured and revealed as a disguised Universo. His son, Rond Vidar, explains his father's scheme to the Legionnaires, and all return to the Clubhouse. The imprisoned members on Takron-Galtos, who have freed themselves and arrested Brugol, return to Earth.

Rond Vidar is awarded honorary Legion membership for his courage.

Adventure Comics #361

October 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"The Unkillables" (23 pages)
Part 2: **"Time's Most Notorious Killers"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Jim Mooney**
Letterer: **Shelly Leferman**

Feature Characters

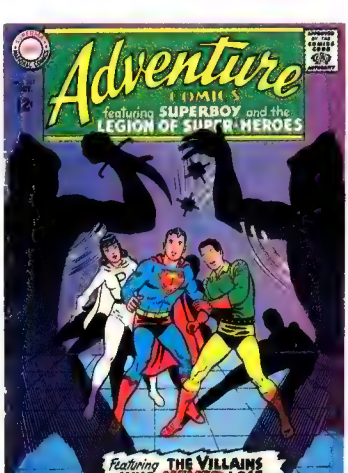
Phantom Girl, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, and **Karate Kid**

Duo Damsel and **Brainiac 5** (both last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #106)

Supporting Characters

President Kandro Boltax (name revealed in issue #359; first appearance; appears next in issue #366)

The Dominators (first appearance; behind the scenes and seen as illusions only; political representatives of the Dominion; **Goltann** named in this story; appear next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #243)



Villains

The Head Unkillable (first appearance; a renegade Dominator; dies in this story)

The Unkillables (first and only appearance to date; descendants of history's greatest assassins, including Lee Harvey Oswald, Brutus and Cassius, and John Wilkes Booth)

Other Characters

Several unnamed guards at the Presidential Palace (first and only appearance to date)

A group of political demonstrators (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Chameleon Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Sun Boy, and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

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Colossal Boy is mistakenly called "Colossal Kid" in the Roll Call on the splash page of this story.

Synopsis

After two decades of war between the United Planets and a confederation of worlds called the Dominion, the latter sues for peace. As anti-Dominion feelings run high on Earth, the President calls upon the Legion to ensure their ambassadors' safe arrival. The heroes are sent to the neutral planet, Politor, where they meet the Dominators, a race characterized by blue skin, baldness, and round white discs on their foreheads which signify rank. Under orders from the President, the Legion is to transport the Dominators' ambassadors through the 10th dimension. This is a sub-universe in which a billion-mile trip is reduced to only five hundred miles.

Meanwhile, a costumed group of villains called the Unkillables prepares to attack. They enter the 10th dimension, intending to strike and weaken the caravan at periodic intervals before finally destroying it.

As the journey begins, the Legionnaires stop an arranged avalanche before making camp for the night. Shortly afterward, the Unkillables strike, destroying the party's supplies. Since Star Boy, who had been on guard duty, was distracted by a Dominator just as he was attacked, the heroes conclude that one of the ambassadors is aiding the Unkillables.

As the final stretch begins, the Unkillables suddenly launch themselves at the entourage from volcanic craters. The Legionnaires, weary from their constant vigilance, fight back. The leader of the Unkillables then produces his ultimate weapon, a ray which causes the Legionnaires' powers to be switched at random from member to member. In the resulting confusion, he hurls a suspended-animation bomb at the Dominators. Brainiac 5, now possessing Superboy's powers, blows it back at him, and it explodes, paralyzing the villain.

The leader is then revealed as the Dominators' deposed ruler, who sought to use the Unkillables for revenge. The Unkillables, who are found to be descendants of infamous assassins in Earth history, were turned into killers by one of his machines.

As the Legion returns to Earth, the Dominators reveal that they are actually three-dimensional images, and that the real aliens have already reached Earth.

Adventure Comics #362

November 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Chemoids are Coming" (22 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Pete Costanza**
Letterer: **Shelly Leferman**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy (also appears in flashback which occurs in between issue #345 and #346)

Saturn Girl, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Star Boy, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Light Lass, Dream Girl, Princess Projectra and **Karate Kid**

Lightning Lad, Colossal Boy, and **Element Lad** (all behind the scenes on planet Daxam in this story)

Brainiac 5 (also appears in flashback which occurs in between issue #345 and #347)

Mon-El (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #106)

Matter-Eater Lad (behind the scenes on planet Naltor in this story)

Supporting Character

King Voxv (name revealed in *Superboy* #206; first appearance; Princess Projectra's father)

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Villains

Dr. Mantis Morlo, his android double, and **his Chemoids (Gorn** named in this story; first appearance of all)

Other Characters

The inhabitants of planet Orando (first appearance)

Science Police officers (last chronological appearance in issue #342; appear in flashback only; next chronological appearance in issue #348)

Comments

Shrinking Violet and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

This issue includes a text page: "Meet the Legionnaires."

Synopsis

When Brainiac 5's instruments indicate that deadly gasses are poisoning Earth's upper atmosphere, the Legion investigates and traces their source to Dr. Mantis Morlo's orbital laboratory, where Morlo has his huge Chemoid, Gorn, attack the heroes. The Legion defeats the android and destroys all of Morlo's equipment before departing. However, Morlo has still more equipment safely hidden, and thus resumes his work, as the Legionnaires return to Earth, thinking about their previous encounter with him.

A research chemist, Morlo had run an acclaimed series of experiments on thought-process chemical kinetics, until it was learned that he had used human slaves as guinea-pigs in his work. The Legion easily arrested him at the time, and he had vowed revenge, a threat he had never carried out.

Later, simultaneous word of trouble is received from the planets Daxam, Orando, and Naltor. The Legion splits into groups with Mon-El, Princess Projectra, and Dream Girl leading the missions to their home planets.

On Orando, Princess Projectra, Karate Kid, Superboy, Light Lass, Cosmic Boy, Bouncing Boy. and Brainiac 5 are brought before the king, Projectra's father. Black smog is surrounding the planet, and since Orando has no industry, its source is a mystery. Superboy creates a whirlwind to disperse the smog, and Brainiac 5 collects a sample for analysis. Using an alchemist's den, he traces the poisons to Dr. Mantis Morlo.

Racing to the spot on Orando where the smog is thickest, the Legionnaires find Morlo waiting for them in his flying citadel, and he orders his Chemoids, specially built for battle, to attack the heroes.

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YOU'RE TOO LATE, LEGIONNAIRES! MY CHEMICAL BOMB HAS JUST DESTROYED EARTH!
"BLACK DAY FOR THE LEGION!"

Adventure Comics #363

December 1967

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)

Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

STORY

"Black Day for the Legion " (23 pages)

Part 2: **"Target. . .Earth"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**

Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)

Penciler, inker: **Pete Costanza**

Letterer: **Shelly Leferman**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Brainiac 5, Superboy, Sun Boy, Bouncing Boy, Ultra Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Light Lass, Dream Girl, and **Karate Kid**

Mon-El and **Princess Projectra** (both appear next in flashback in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #177)

Element Lad (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #106)

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Supporting Character

King Voxv (appears next, behind the scenes, in *Karate Kid* #5)

Villains

Dr. Mantis Morlo (appears next, behind the scenes, in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #248) and **his three android doubles** (first appearance of two to date; one from previous issue; no further appearances to date)

Dr. Morlo's Chemoids (including Gorn; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

The inhabitants of planet Orando (appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #285)

Professor Krondo of the Daxam Emergency Committee (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of planet Daxam (last seen in flashback in issue #356; appear next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #384)

The inhabitants of planet Naltor (first appearance; last chronological appearance in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #314; **Mol Onok** named in this story; some appear next as Yark Althu's gang in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #385)

Beren (name revealed in his next appearance in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #233; first appearance; the High Seer of Naltor)

Members of the High Assembly of Naltor (first and only appearance of all to date; **Horon** (Secretary of Planetary Affairs) and **Pallo Jaxon** (Secretary of Science) named in this story)

Cameo Appearances

Time Trapper, Dr. Regulus, Hunter, and **space dragons** (as illusions)

Comment

Shrinking Violet and Supergirl do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Fighting back, the Legionnaires defeat Morlo's Chemoids and capture the villain, while Superboy destroys the smog-maker. However, Morlo breaks free and leaps off the platform into a dense forest below, where Superboy's X-ray vision fails to spot him.

Meanwhile, Mon-El's party, including Element Lad, Sun Boy, Saturn Girl, Colossal Boy, and Lightning Lad, approaches Daxam, and is greeted by a deadly rain of alkali hailstones and ball lightning. Similar chemical storms have razed all major cities there, and the Legion learns that Mantis Morlo, operating from an undersea base in the Sea of Ornal, is responsible. The heroes penetrate his base and destroy all his weaponry, but the villain escapes in a submarine.

At the same time, Dream Girl and her comrades, Star Boy, Invisible Kid, Ultra Boy, Matter-Eater Lad, Chameleon Boy, and Phantom Girl, greet the High Assembly of her world, Naltor. They inform the Legionnaires that artificially induced food contaminates have given the populace bad dreams, and have thrown them into a panic. Ultra Boy flies into space, where he uses his penetra-vision to "peel" Naltor, layer by layer, until he finally finds the base of Mantis Morlo at its very core. The Legion rushes to capture him, but he succeeeds in escaping. Chameleon Boy, whose antennae tingled when he stood near Morlo, stops the others from pursuing him.

During all of this, the real Dr. Morlo is safely ensconced in his orbital laboratory. He gloats over his victories, having used Chemoid doubles of himself to create disasters to lure the Legion to some of their home worlds. His real target is Earth, and he paints a target on the globe, then launches a bomb to burn the planet to a cinder.

The Legion arrives en masse to inform him that he has actually destroyed a mock Earth. Chameleon Boy had deduced Morlo's scheme when his antennae, which record precise details of people or objects, detected subtle differences in the Morlo android. He then masqueraded as Morlo's Chemoid assistant, Gorn, and secretly aimed his weapon at the fake Earth, which Superboy and Mon-El had hastily constructed.

Morlo, crushed, is taken into custody.

Adventure Comics #364

January 1968

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Revolt of the Super-Pets" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Fang, Claw and Hoof"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler, inker: **Pete Costanza**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Phantom Girl, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, Star Boy, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, and **Ultra Boy**

Chameleon Boy and **Superboy** (both also appear in flashback to an untold Legion case)

Light Lass and **Karate Kid** (both appear only in flashback to an untold Legion case)

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Supporting Characters

Beppo and **Streaky** (origins retold; both in between issue #351 and #380; both also appear in flashback to an untold Legion case)

Comet (last seen in issue #351; origin retold; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes, disguised as "Biron the Bowman," in this story; also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case; appears next in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #92)

Krypto (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #107; origin retold; also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case; appears next in issue #380)

Proty II (last seen in issue #351; origin retold; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes, disguised as "Blockade Boy," in this story; also appears in flashback to an untold Legion case; teamed with the above four characters as the **Legion of Super-Pets;** appears next in issue #375)

Villains

The inhabitants of planet Thanl (first and only appearance to date; **Rikkor Rost** named in this story)

Cameo Appearances

The inhabitants of an unnamed planet of the star Antares (Proty II's race), **Circe, Maaldor, Jor-El,** and **the inhabitants of planet Llorn** (in flashbacks)

The Luck Lords (in flashback)

Comments

The Legion of Super-Pets was last seen in issue #351 and appears next in issue #380.

Bouncing Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, and Princess Projectra do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

The animal members of the Legion of Super-Pets are playing in space when they detect remote-controlled crime machines headed for Earth. The Pets destroy the machines and fly to the Legion Clubhouse to warn the Super-Heroes, only to have the Legionnaires chastise them because they failed to trace the weapons to their point of origin. Leaving the Super-Pets and Saturn Girl to guard the Clubhouse, the heroes attempt to trace the machine's trail themselves. Upset over this treatment, the Pets depart after Saturn Girl gives them a telepathic charge so that they can communicate with each other.

The Super-Pets soon meet Rikkor Rost of the planet Thanl, who informs them that his world worships them, and hopes that they will accept his offer of a permanent home there. They accept, and he teleports them to Thanl.

Meanwhile, the Super-Heroes return to the Clubhouse to inform Saturn Girl that their attempt to trace the machines proved fruitless, and that they want to apologize to the Super-Pets. She leads them to Thanl, where the heroes note the many statues honoring the Pets. They find that the animals are now reluctant to leave, and when Chameleon Boy rashly grabs Proty, demanding his obedience, the Pets fight back, and send the defeated Legionnaires back to Earth.

Rikkor Rost suggests that the heroes may further plot against them, and so Super-Horse, now human because a comet is passing Earth, and a disguised Proty join the Legion as two new members, Biron the Bowman and Blockade Boy. The two are assigned the task of discovering the origin of the crime machines, and after the others depart, they use the Legion's computer to trace the weaponry to the planet Thanl.

Comet and Proty return to face the Thanlians in a showdown, and the heroes arrive shortly afterward to assist the Pets in defeating them. The two Legions are reconciled, and all earlier differences are forgiven.

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February 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**

Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

The Legion of Super-Heroes Index

Adventure
featuring SUPERBOY and the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
FEB NO 365
12¢
WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED BEHIND THIS IMPENETRABLE BARRIER FOR A LONG TIME, LEGIONNAIRES BUT NOW, NO POWER IN THE UNIVERSE CAN HOLD US!
ESCAPE OF THE FATAL FIVE!

STORY

"Escape of the Fatal Five" (22 pages)
Part 2: **"Mocked By the Master"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterers: **Milton Snapinn** (page 1 only) and **Morris Waldinger?**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Brainiac 5, Superboy, and **Karate Kid**

Shadow Lass (Tasmia Malor; real name revealed in issue #369; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2/*Secret Origins* (second series) #8)

Villains

The Fatal Five (Tharok, Persuader, Emerald Empress, Validus, and Mano; all last seen in issue #353) and **their unnamed minion on planet Talok VIII** (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

The Director of the United Planets (first and only appearance to date)

The inhabitants of planet Talok VIII (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashbacks in *Secret Origins* (second series) #8)

Death-birds (first and only appearance to date; creatures of planet Talok VIII)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

When the peaceful planet Talok VIII becomes a belligerent, warlike world, the United Planets Director calls upon the Legion to investigate. The world's heroine, Shadow Lass, who had been off-planet on a mission, accompanies four Legionnaires, Superboy, Brainiac 5, Cosmic Boy, and Karate Kid.

As Talok's warlords have completely sealed off their world, the five heroes parachute into a barren desert, intending to make their way into Talok's capital, which they do despite obstacles placed in their path by the mysterious agency behind Talok's transformation.

Gaining entrance to a fortress, the heroes are struck by rays which teleport each into a death-trap. Karate Kid finds himself trapped inside a gigantic, hollow diamond, Cosmic Boy encounters five large, non-magnetic, metal balls which rush at him in a short hallway, Superboy is slowly being crushed in a tiny sphere, Brainiac 5 is imprisoned in a small chamber with spiked walls moving in on him, and Shadow Lass appears in a room flooded with bright, glaring lights, which weaken her darkness-casting power and can eventually kill her.

In the citadel throne room, the mysterious villain and his lackey watch as the imperiled heroes summon every ounce of strength and ingenuity to escape the traps. All of that energy is collected into gigantic batteries, and the lackey now uses it on the barrier imprisoning his master to crack it. The barrier falls, and out of a dimensional warp step the Fatal Five.

After being blasted there following their partnership with the Legion against the Sun-Eater, they had found Talok VIII through a dimensional window. Tharok had mentally enslaved its populace with a mind-control unit and turned it into a warlike world, knowing the Legion would investigate.

As the freed Legionnaires rush to the citadel's throne room, the Fatal Five depart in a ship, leaving the exhausted heroes to face an army of Talokian warriors.

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FEATURETTE

"The Origins and Powers of the Legion of Super-Heroes"
(8 pages)

Comment

This is not a story, but a special feature listing the origins and powers of the Legion of Super-Heroes, the Legion of Substitute Heroes, and the Legion of Super-Pets, illustrated in part with pages reprinted from *Superman Annual* #4 by Curt Swan (penciler) and George Klein (inker), and 2 new pages by Al Plastino.

Adventure Comics #366
March 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

STORY

"The Fight for the Championship of the Universe" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Showdown for Shadow Lass"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterers: **Morris Waldinger?** (page 1 only)
and **Gaspar Saladino**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Brainiac 5, and **Superboy** (next chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Superboy* #211)

Karate Kid

Shadow Lass (joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Superboy* #211)

Supporting Characters

President Kandro Boltax (in between issues #362 and #368)

The Earth Council (first appearance; appears next in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #234)

Villains

The Fatal Five (Tharok, Persuader, Emerald Empress, Validus, and Mano; all appear next in issue #378)

Other Characters

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last seen in issue #360)

The inhabitants of planet Talok VIII (appear next in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #318)

Pentagon Chiefs of Staff (first and only appearance to date)

Science Police officers (last seen in issue #360; see Comment below; appear next in issue #372)

Comments

The Science Police are called the Sky Police in this story.

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, Cosmic Boy, Brainiac 5, Superboy, and Shadow Lass appear briefly in a flashback in *Superboy* #211.

Synopsis

The Legionnaires are almost defeated by the Talokian army, until they accidentally smash the mind-control machine, whereupon the warriors stop fighting. The heroes then leave Talok to pursue the Fatal Five.

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Meanwhile, traveling through space, the villains debate what to do now that they are free. Tharok threatens to turn Validus on the other three unless they obey him, and he outlines his plans. Later, in Metropolis, the Five wreak havoc throughout the city, decoying the police, and leaving Tharok free to attack the Presidential Palace. The Persuader similarly attacks the 30th century equivalent of the Pentagon, and before long Metropolis is under the evildoers' complete control.

The Five make their headquarters in the Presidential Palace, and when the Persuader complains to Tharok that the United Planets could attack soon, he responds by unveiling the Universal Weapons Control Panel, which controls every defensive weapon of every planet in the U.P., and which the Five can now control if they can gain the third of three control keys, which rests in the Legion Clubhouse.

The villains find the Clubhouse deserted, but when they attempt to break in, the five heroes who have returned from Talok VIII suddenly blast them back. Validus hurls a piece of pavement at them, and the Five fence them inside the Clubhouse with atomic barbed wire, demanding the third key, or their lives.

Deciding not to destroy the third key, the heroes make plans to "hold the fort" until help arrives. Suddenly, a blast nearly caves in the Clubhouse walls, and they realize that Validus, under Tharok's control, is blasting them with his mental lightning. Brainiac 5 hooks up his belt to the force blaster to project a force shield around the Clubhouse, and tends to Shadow Lass, who suffered a sprained arm and shock during this second attack.

Meanwhile, the Fatal Five fail to break through the force shield, and Tharok contacts the Legionnaires to offer an ultimatum: they must give the villains the key or they will destroy Metropolis. The heroes confer, and contact the villains to reject both terms; instead they offer a fight to the finish, winner take all. Shadow Lass offers to join, evening the sides, and is sworn in as a Legionnaire just before the battle begins.

The five villains pair off with their hero "victims" and quickly gain the upper hand, but Shadow Lass knocks out the Emerald Empress and casts a deep shadow over the area, which allows her comrades to escape. Just as the Fatal Five prepares to strike again, the U.P. forces finally arrive, and the villains escape in a swift Legion ship.

The President of Earth decorates the five Legionnaires for their bravery, and the heroes then turn to the matter of rebuilding the ruined Clubhouse.

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NO ESCAPE FROM THE CIRCLE OF DEATH!
AND THE LEGIONNAIRES' NEW HEADQUARTERS
IT'S NO USE, LEGIONNAIRES! EVEN THE MIGHTY WALLS OF YOUR NEW HEADQUARTERS CANNOT KEEP US OUT... THE DARK CIRCLE IS CLOSING IN ON YOU!

STORY

"No Escape from the Circle of Death" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Victims of the Sinister Circle"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inkers: **George Klein** (pages 1–10 only) and **Sheldon Moldoff**
Letterer: **Ray Holloway?**

Adventure Comics #367
April 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Brainiac 5, and **Superboy** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Superboy* #211)

Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, and **Star Boy** (all appear next in flashback in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #117)

Invisible Kid, Sun Boy, and **Karate Kid**

Supporting Character

Sensei (Kirau Nezumi; real name revealed in his last chronological appearance in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2; first appearance; Karate Kid's mentor; not to be confused with the leader of the League of Assassins who first appears in *Strange Adventures* #215, or with Judo-master's mentor, or with Richard Dragon's mentor, the O-Sensei; appears next in the second story in *Superboy* #210)

Villains

The Dark Circle (first appearance; not to be confused with the Dark Circle which appears in *Phantom Stranger*; Gorgath named in this story; appears next in *Superboy* #228) and their army (first and only appearance to date)

Norak (name and face revealed in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #325), **Ontiir** (identity revealed in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #325), and **Golgoth** (name revealed in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #315; all members of the Dark Circle; all behind the scenes; all appear next, behind the scenes, in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #390)

Other Characters

A Controller (last appearance of Controllers, behind the scenes, in issue #357; next appearance of a Controller in *All-New Collectors' Edition* #C-35)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (appear next in issue #372)

The citizens of 30th century Japan (first appearance; appear next in the second story in *Superboy* #210)

Cameo Appearances

Ferro Lad (as a statue)
The Fatal Five (in flashback)
The renegade Controller (in flashback to issue #357)

Comments

The second Legion Headquarters first appears in this story.

The Miracle Machine first appears in this story.

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

Following this story, the Legion takes an accidental trip to another dimension, as seen in flashback in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #117.

Synopsis

As construction progresses on the new Legion Headquarters, Karate Kid greets Brainiac 5 and Sun Boy with the news that he is about to depart to Japan for a much-needed vacation. After the three tour the complex, Karate Kid takes his leave, while his comrades examine the many items they have received as housewarming gifts, including one marked in an indecipherable alien language.

Meanwhile, a mysterious group called the Dark Circle spies on Earth from halfway across the galaxy, and decides that now is the time to strike.

As Karate Kid arrives in Tokyo and visits his aged mentor, a blast from outside tears a hole in the wall of their building and nearly kills them. Karate Kid stares through the hole to see an army of alien invaders. He fights back, but is overwhelmed by sheer numbers. His attempt to contact his fellow Legionnaires and obtain assistance is useless, as they too are fighting the aliens, who are appearing all over Earth.

At Legion Headquarters, the Legionnaires fight valiantly, but are eventually taken captive. Only Brainiac 5 escapes, and since the Legion arsenal is under close guard, he sneaks into the storage area and frantically searches among their gifts for a suitable weapon. When several aliens come to investigate the noise, he wishes Karate Kid was present to hold them off, and the Kid suddenly appears.

Realizing what has happened, Brainiac 5 recovers the crate with the strange writing, and removes the machine inside it. He grasps the device and concentrates, and in a sudden burst of incredible force, the aliens are swept off Earth back to their own worlds, and the new Legion Headquarters complex is instantly completed.

Brainiac 5 tells his awestruck comrades that the device is a Miracle Machine, a device that converts thoughts into reality. He theorizes that it originated in the Controllers' universe, and this is confirmed when a Controller materializes before them, and warns of its vast potential for disaster. Heeding that warning, the Legionnaires seal the Miracle Machine in a cube of inertron until mankind is wise enough to use it.

Adventure Comics #368

May 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Mutiny of the Super-Heroines" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Ladies First"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterers: **Gaspar Saladino** (page 1 only)
and **Charlotte Jetter**

Feature Characters

Saturn Girl, Invisible Kid, Supergirl, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Superboy, Ultra Boy, Light Lass, Dream Girl, and **Karate Kid**

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Lightning Lad, Duo Damsel, Phantom Girl, Star Boy, Princess Projectra, and **Shadow Lass** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #117)

Supporting Characters

President Boltax (last seen in issue #366; appears next in *Superboy* #197)

Villains

Thora (first appearance; ambassador of planet Taltar; dies in this story)

A group of super-mechanized Zorium thieves (first and only appearance to date)

A group of convicts at the Prison Citadel on Mt. Metro (first and only appearance to date)

A mutated sea monster (first and only appearance to date)

A group of vandals (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

An emergency crew and **the Presidential Guard honor corps** (first and only appearance of all to date)

A chauffeur and **a footman** (first and only appearance of both to date)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Element Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, and Sun Boy do not appear in this story.

Mintarr Bannin, Polar Boy's father, and his wife aid Superboy in *Superboy* #148 following this story.

Synopsis

After Karate Kid and Superboy test Val's fighting skills, they and the other Legionnaires are summoned to Metropolis Spaceport to rescue a spaceship carrying an alien ambassador to Earth. Upon their arrival the ship crash-lands in a ball of flame, but the ambassador, a woman from the planet Taltar named Thora, easily frees herself, and emerges unscathed.

Her society is a matriarchal one, and she expresses a marked distaste of all males, but she cordially greets President Boltax of Earth. Later, Thora researches Legion lore, and carves miniature statues of the female Legionnaires, then touches a stud on her bracelet and causes an eerie radiation to bathe the statuettes.

The result shows itself the following morning, when the Legion girls wake to find that their powers have been increased fantastically. Supergirl is now immune to Kryptonite, and she rescues her cousin Superboy from a Green Kryptonite trap.

The boys, suspecting that the girls' increased powers may be the result of a rare space disease, quarantine them, while Thora continues to treat the statuettes with radiation at various intervals. When the boys are trapped by inmates while attempting to quell a riot at the Prison Citadel on Mt. Metro, the girls break quarantine to save them. However, the boys chastise them for doing so, and the girls respond by angrily battling and defeating them.

Now the bruised and battered male Legionnaires realize that a person, and not a disease, is behind the heroines' physical and mental change. Thora gloats over her division of the Legion, and visits the girls at headquarters. As the division between the boys and the girls grows wider, Shadow Lass makes a remark about Brainiac 5 that shocks Supergirl, who remembers their romance.

Thora keeps bathing the statuettes in radiation, and when the time seems right, she has the girls attack the boys and nearly kill them. Suddenly, her bracelet explodes, and the girls return to normal. Supergirl explains that Shadow Lass's remark had enabled her to escape Thora's control. Discovering her scheme, she learned how Thora controlled their minds and arranged for the bracelet to self-destruct. Thora then swallows poison as the penalty for her failure, not knowing that her own world had overthrown its matriarchal government while she was away.

Adventure Comics

Superboy #147
May-June 1968

Cover Credits
Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Neal Adams** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY
"The Origin of the Legion" (8 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **E. Nelson Bridwell**
Penciler, inker: **Pete Costanza**
Letterers: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Characters
Cosmic Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #297; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1)

Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, Triplicate Girl, and **Phantom Girl** (all chronologically in between flashbacks in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1)

Light Lass (as Ayla Ranzz; chronologically in between flashback on page 5, panel 4 and flashback on page 10, panel 8 of *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #6)

Supporting Characters
R. J. Brande (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #3; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *DC Super-Stars* #17)

Mr. and **Mrs. Ranzz** (first chronological appearance; next chronological appearance in *Adventure Comics* #356)

Villains
Two unnamed gunmen (first appearance; appear next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #11)

Other Characters
A Science Police officer (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (first chronological appearance; next chronological appearance in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *DC Super-Stars* #17)

Cameo Appearances
Sun Boy, Superboy, and **Supergirl** (on the splash page of this story)

Invisible Kid (speaks directly to the readers in the last panel of this story)

Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Element Lad, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Mon-El, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, and **Ultra Boy** (as statues)

A magnetic monster, a lightning beast, and **Lightning Lord**

Comments
The events predicating the deputization of the Legionnaires into the Science Police, as shown on page 7, panel 3 of this story, are revealed in detail in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *DC Super-Stars* #17, and take place chronologically on page 7, between panels 2 and 3 of this story.

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Princess Projectra, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy are not members of the Legion at the time of this story, and do not appear.

Synopsis
In a room in the newly-built Legion Headquarters complex, three statues honor the group's founders. One, of Lightning Lad, wields electricity between its hands; Cosmic Boy's image suspends a metal ball between its hands with a magnetic charge; the third, of Saturn Girl, mentally communicates the story of the Legion's origin to all who enter the room.

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On the planet Winath, Garth Ranzz bids his family goodbye, and boards a ship bound for Earth. He takes a seat next to another youth named Rokk Krinn, of the planet Braal. The two become friends, and Rokk explains that his people have magnetic powers, developed to battle the metal monsters of that world, and that, since he is considered an adult at fourteen, he is hoping to use his ability to find work on Earth. Garth, in turn, tells how he, his twin sister Ayla, and older brother Mekt gained the ability to wield lightning when they were attacked by lightning monsters on the wild planet Korbal, where their ship was forced to land. Mekt later disappeared, and Garth hopes that the Science Police on Earth can help find him.

Meanwhile, a shuttle craft from Saturn brings new passengers to the ship, including the richest man in the universe, R. J. Brande, and a gorgeous blonde bound for Earth's Science Police Academy, Imra Ardeen.

The ship finally reaches Earth's Metropolis Spaceport, and as its passengers debark, two men run up to them and reach for guns. Imra reads their minds and screams a warning, and Rokk and Garth immediately use their powers to disarm the killers. Imra's telepathy further tells her that Brande's cousin, Doyle, had sent them to kill the rich man, so that he could inherit his money and pay his debts to a gambling syndicate.

A grateful and impressed Brande summons the three youths to his office the following morning, where he suggests that they band together as a crimefighting organization to be bankrolled by him, and uses Superboy and Supergirl as examples. They all agree, and before long, Brande has them outfitted in new costumes and gives them new names to go with them: Rokk is now Cosmic Boy, Garth is Lightning Lad, and Imra is Saturn Girl. Brande Industries erects a yellow, rocket-shaped clubhouse for the trio, and their new computer selects Cosmic Boy as their leader.

The three then write a Legion Constitution, which contains strict by-laws, and are voted honorary citizenship on all member worlds of the United Planets. They are also made deputies of the Science Police.

Some days later, they gain two members, Triplicate Girl, who reveals her power to them by having each separately accompany one of her three selves to the clubhouse, and Phantom Girl, who easily infiltrates their supposedly impenetrable headquarters, and is made a member on the grounds that she help secure them against "ghostly" intruders.

FIRST REPRINTED STORY

"The Boy With Ultra-Powers"
(from *Superboy* #98)

SECOND REPRINTED STORY

"The Legion of Super-Traitors"
(from *Adventure Comics* #293)

THIRD REPRINTED STORY

"Supergirl's Three Super-Girl Friends"
(from *Action Comics* #276)

FOURTH REPRINTED STORY

"The Secret of the Seventh Super-Hero"
(from *Adventure Comics* #290)

FIFTH REPRINTED STORY

"The Legion of Super-Villains"
(from *Superman* #147)

Adventure Comics #369

June 1968

Cover Credits

Artist: **Neal Adams**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

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JUNE
No. 369
LEGIONNAIRES! SAY YOUR PRAYERS! I WARNED YOU NO VAULT COULD KEEP ME PRISONER!
WE'RE DEAD! HIS MAGIC IS GREATER THAN OUR COMBINED SUPER-POWERS!
FEATURING MORDRU the MERCILESS!

STORY

"Mordru the Merciless" (24 pages)
Part 2: **"Mordru and the Mob"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter, penciler: **Jim Shooter** (layouts only)
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inkers: **Curt Swan** (page 1 only) and **Jack Abel**
Letterers: **Gaspar Saladino** (page 1 only) and **Charlotte Jetter**

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Feature Characters

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Sun Boy** (all chronologically in between issues #336 and #337; all appear in flashback only)

Duo Damsel (disguised as "Marie Elkins" in this story)

Superboy

Invisible Kid, Ultra Boy, Dream Girl, and **Princess Projectra** (all behind the scenes, as revealed in flashback in next issue)

Mon-El (disguised as "Bob Cobb" in this story)

Shadow Lass (real name, Tasmia Malor, revealed in this story; disguised as "Betsy Norcross" in this story)

Guest Stars

Jonathan and **Martha Kent** (both last seen in *Superboy* # 148)

Lana Lang (last seen in *Superboy* #149)

Supporting Character

White Witch (last seen in issue #351; behind the scenes, as revealed in flashback in next issue)

Villains

Mordru the Merciless (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #315; also appears in flashback which occurs in between *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #315 and this story)

"King" Carter and **his gang** (first and only appearance to date; a band of gangsters; **Kelly, Slob,** and **Gus** named in this story)

An unnamed human-fly crook (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Professor Lewis Lang (in between *Superboy* #127 and #150)

Mrs. Lang (in between *Superboy* #124 and #150)

Chief Parker (last seen in *Superboy* #121)

Mrs. Leah Parker (first appearance; Chief Parker's wife)

Other Characters

The students of Smallville High (in between *Superboy* #148 and #152; **Mike** named in this story)

The citizens of 20th century Smallville (last seen in *Superboy* #149; **McCarthy** named in this story)

Cameo Appearances

A guard on planet Zerox, a spaceship crewman (voice only), **the President** and **members of the United Planets Council** (all in flashback)

Comments

Bouncing Boy, Brainiac 5, Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Cosmic Boy, Dream Girl, Element Lad, Invisible Kid, Karate Kid, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Saturn Girl, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Supergirl, and Ultra Boy do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Four Legionnaires on duty at their headquarters, Superboy, Mon-El, Shadow Lass, and Duo Damsel, hastily use their Time Cube to escape to 20th century Smallville, as Mordru, the Dark Lord, pursues them. As a new Legionnaire, Shadow Lass had been exploring the sub-basement in which Mordru was imprisoned in a vault, and tried to open it. Mon-El spied her, warned her to stop, and told her Mordru's story.

The villain hailed from Zerox, the Sorcerers' Planet, and after mastering the ultimate mystic powers, made himself master of that world and conquered his sector of the galaxy. Saturn Girl was Legion leader at the time, and when Mordru attacked Earth, the team's battle with him seemed futile, until she directed Superboy and Mon-El to imprison him in an airless steel block, thus depriving him of his powers. He fell into a coma, and has remained in that state since.

However, Shadow Lass's tampering has caused air to seep into the block and revive him. Now forced to flee, the four Legionnaires quickly realize that Mordru will soon find them, and decide to adopt secret identities in hopes of eluding him.

With the assistance of Superboy's foster parents, Jonathan and Martha Kent, Mon-El resumes the guise of Bob Cobb, the identity he had used when he first met Superboy. Duo Damsel becomes Marie Elkins, a supposed second cousin of Smallville Police Chief Parker's wife Leah, with whom she stays, and Shadow Lass dons white makeup to cover her blue skin, and becomes Betsy Norcross, an exchange student who resides with Lana Lang's family.

Mordru arrives, and causes a deep shadow to penetrate the town to find the missing Legionnaires. In doing this he puts Lana under his control and sees everything she does. As the days pass, the heroes stay as hidden as possible, and try to come up with a plan, while Mordru does his best to flush them out.

Then, a week after their arrival, "King" Carter and his gangsters come to Smallville and take it over. Because of Mordru, the young heroes fear to use their powers to stop them. Instead, with Jonathan Kent leading, the townspeople are convinced to stand against the mob and fight back. The crooks are overcome, and this gives the Legionnaires the moral resolve to do the same with Mordru.

As they resume their costumes and gather in an alley behind the Kent home, Lana spies them from her window. Mordru now finds them, and suddenly materializes before the heroes.

A Brief Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the sixth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

The Letterer hand-letters any captions or word balloons on the cover other than the logo. It is impossible to guess the letterer when the lettering is mechanically typeset or laid down from transfers, so such lettering is called "typographical."

Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashbabck are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Superman Index*, not in the *The Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is know as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succinct prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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